STROTHER & LITTS

The Story of a Wreck.

Thrilling and Romantic Account of a Mutiny at Sea.

BY W. CLARK RUSSELL.

CHAPTER IX .- CONTINUED. The ship from which they were taken was the Cecilia, and belonged to Mr. Robertson. He was a merchant trading between England and Cape Town. A year before he had taken his the benefit of a change of climate. She had become anxious to return to England and as the Cecilia was loadof a profound calm and snapped all altogether. three of the masts. The captain and crew were washed overboard and there were only left Mr. Robertson and his daughter and a Mr. Jamison, who was the only other passenger besides the crazy sailor, whose death has been related. Mr. Jamison died before the rescue, and it was his body which I pause exclaimed: had been compelled to leave on board

the wreck. Both of them were much overcome by the relation of the horrors through which they had passed. The girl soon recovered her courage and told me that they lived just out of Liverpool but that her father had also an estate

As time was passing rapidly, I detude, casting affrighted glances about they been properly fed.'

various toilet conveniences with which behind all this, which he is concealard to Miss Robertson, and I then Orleans?" made the man prepare a tray with a cold fowl, fine white biscuit, ham, spirit-lamp that belonged to me.

I made a thorough overhaul of Coxon's effects and sent Mr. Robert- ions as castaway sailors?" son a suit of clothes, some clean linen and a warm overcoat. The steward also informed me that he had a box of woman's underclothing which had was taking it as a gift, and that I was as all murderers are." very welcome to it. So the box was sent to Miss Robertson, and its con- intently, as a man might who strives to to her wardrobe.

CHAPTER X.

At seven bells-that is, half an hour before eight-I heard the carpenter's voice shouting down the companion for the steward. I instantly opened the cabin door to tell the man to go at | a whisper. once, as I believed that Stevens merely called to give him orders about the men's breakfast.

This proved to be the case, as I presently learned on going on deck, whither I repaired (although it was my watch below) in order to see what the carpenter was about.

I found him lying on one of the skylights, smoking a pipe, with three or four men around him, smoking also, Away on our lee quarter was a large steamer, bound, I took it, to the west coast of Africa. The carpenter, seeing me watching the steamer, called

"She wouldn't take long to catch us, would she? I hope there's no man on board this wessel as 'ud like to see her along-side, or would do any thing to bring her near. I wealdn't like to be the man as 'ud do it-would you,

Joe? "Well, I'd rather ba' made my vill fust than forgot it, if so it were that I was that man," responded the fellow

questioned. "We're glad you've come up," continued the carpenter, addressing me, though without shifting his posture. "for blowed if I knowed what to do if she should get askin us any ques-tions. Wat'll you do, Mr. Royle?"

"Let her signal us first," I replied, quite alive to the sinister suggestiveness of these questions.

The men watched her anxiously, but for myself I gazed upon her with bitter indifference. The help I stood in need of was not likely to come from her or indeed from any vessel short of an inquisitive government ship. My role was clearly to seem as one of the men heart and soul. It would not do for me to yield to any impulse I might have which would lead me to attempt

to communicate with the steamer. We were slipping through the water quickly, and by the time she was on our weather-bow the steamer was near enough to enable us to see the awning stretched over her after-deek, and a crowd of persons watching us. She was a great ocean steamer, and went magnificently through the water. In a few minutes she was dead on end, dwindling the people watching us, but leaving such a long wake astern of her that we went over it.

What would I have given to be on board of her!

The carpenter now got off the sky-

and get the men's breakfast," said he. the same I shall be glad to feel dry to where I stood and thanked me for able him to recover it; looked at her land under me. The law always hangs my kindness to her and her father. the skipper of a mutiny, you know; She had made good use of the few and then said to me, with offensive ab- conveniences I had been able to send ruptness:

| Texas Siftings. - The new teacher at the skipper by your appoint- conveniences I had been able to send ruptness: 1 some So the sooner we all get out of her. Her hair was brushed and most

do more," I answered.

what we want. You'll let us see your of color on the cheeks. reckonings every day-not because we "Papa seems better," she said, "and doubt you-but it'll ease the minds of is constantly asking for you; but I told

"All right, Mr. Royle, we look to wonderfully grave, she exclaimed:

me have our breakfast and you arter- ous situation. ward, or you fust? Say the word. I'm agreeable vichever way it goes."

"I'll stop on deck till you've done,"

serving out. The food consisted of butter, white

daughter Mary to the latter place for skylight) eating like a cormorant, his cabin, it being his watch below. arms squared, his brown tattooed hands busy with his mouth, making closed the door. atonement for his long fast in the foreing for that country they took passage | boatswain had better manners, and | I told the boatswain that I questioned in her. She was a sound vessel but a looked, as he faced his mate, a quite whether the men would let me land dreadful gale caught her in the midst superior and different order of man with them, for fear of the evidence I

Stevens been talking about?" As I scuttle the ship when they quitted her, Canadian northwest, contains, it is comsaid this I east my eyes on the open and to leave us on board.' skylight to see that our friend was not within hearing.

He shook his head, and after a short

an out-and-outer!" "Do you know which of them struck said, in a low voice: the captain down?"

"He did," he answered, at once, "I could have sworn it, by the way in which he excused the murderer."

"Stevens," continued the boatswain, at Leanington, near Warwick, where "is at the bottom of all this here busiher mother died, and where she spent ness-him and the cook. I suppose he most of her time, as she did not like didn't want the cook for a chum, and so knocked him over when he was going to operate on Duckling's body. termined to improve the opportunity But Duckling was a bad 'un, too, and to make them as comfortable as poss so was the skipper. They've got to sible. I left them and called the stew- thank theirselves for what they got, ard, who came with terrified prompti- The crew never would ha' turned had

"I believe that," I said. "But I'll I gave him the captain's hair-brush tell you what's troubling me, boatto wash, and covered a tray with the swain. The carpenter has some design the ill-fated skipper had provided him- ing. Does he really mean that I should self. These I dispatched by the stew- navigate to within fifty miles of New

"Yes, sir, he do," answered the substantial breakfast, consisting of boatswain, regarding me steadfastly. "And he means then to heave the ship preserved fruit and some tea, which I to, lower away the boats, and make boiled in the pantry by means of a for one of the mouths of the Mississippi, or land upon some part of the coast and represent himself and his compan-

> "Quite right," said the boatswain, watching me fixedly.

"If that is really his intention," I proceeded, "I can not believe that he her been made by his wife for a sister liv- will allow me to land with the others. ing in Valparaiso, and to whom he He distrusts me. He is as suspicious

The boatswain continued eveing me tents made a very desirable addition form a resolution from the expression in another's face.

"He means to scuttle the ship," he said, in a low voice. "Ah!" I exclaimed, starting.

should have foreseen this. "He means to scuttle her just before he puts off in the boats," he added, in

I watched him anxiously, for I saw tians." that he had more to tell me. He looked up at both skylights, then toward the enddy door, then toward the companion-ladder, bent over to me and said:

leave the vessel." "He means to scuttle her, leaving me on board?"

He nodded. "Did he tell you this?" He nodded again. "When?"

"Just now." "And them?" I exclaimed, pointing toward the cabin in which were Mr.

Robertson and his daughter. "They'll be left, too," he replied. I took a deep breath and closed the pretty nigh drowned, I think.

knife and fork on my plate. "Now, then, mate!" bawled the car-"how long are you goin' to be?" "Coming," answered the boatswain.

A thought had flashed upon me. whom Stevens distrusts as well as me, I whispered, "Who are they? Give me but two other men and yourself, and I'll engage that the ship will be ours! the distance in such a sea for five shift-See! if these men whom he distrusts ing. could be told that, at the last moment, ship, they would come over to my side acting cost her), as she said: to save their lives. How are they to

be got at?" hours afore me, and I'll turn it over." He then went on deck.

I went into the captain's cabin and locked the door and plunged into deep and bitter reflection. The revetation of the carpenter's purpose was a surprise. Villain though I knew him to saved us from-eargo and ship.' be. I had not deemed him base enough innocent persons on board the ship, the man, for he would appreciate the -Philadelphia Call. The case seemed hopeless. I could value of a vessel of that size. hardly expect the boatswain to sacrifice . "And what do you think he'll give his life in an effort to contend against the men-them as saved him, I supthink you ought to be the last to say the entire crew. The steward was a pose?" miserable coward more likely to be a "Oh, he won't make any difference. bindrance than a help. I had already He is indebted to you all, for I have pointed out the course the ship was to heard that the Captain would not have great many ponies yourself .- Tid-Bits. steer and could not alter it. The truth stopped for us, had be not been obliged is I was utterly at my wits' end. By to do so by the crew.' such a confession I show myself no "That's true enough," rejoined the writes as follows: "O, mothers, hunt hero; but then I do not wish to be carpenter, with an oath, looking at me. thought one. In the darkness and hor-"Tve told the steward to turn to ror of that hour I saw no way of escape say.

and so I admit my blindness. "Ourn's to be ready by eight; and I My clothes and other things belongreckon I'll show that sniveling cock- ing to me being in the cabin now oc- man," she said, quite simply. ney what it is to be hungry. You cupied by Stevens, I opened the door He pulled off his cap at this and a month with us on the farm, and see don't call this a mutiny, do yer, Mr. and desired the steward to bring them twicled it and let it drop; picked if up us every morning go out into the field Royle? Why, the men are like lambs." to me. My voice was heard by Miss so slowly that I thought he would with our hoes on our shoulders." Fan-"Yes, so they are," I answered. "All Robertson, who came round the table never bend his body sufficiently to en-

this mess the better, ch, Mr. Stevens!" prettily looped over the comb, and she that blooming chart." "That's right enough," said he: wore a collar that became her mightily, "and we look to you to get us out of it." which she found in the steward's box. "I'll do what you ask me-I won't She looked a sweet and true English with her as she left, and addressed mygirl; her deathlike pallor gradually self to the carpenter. "We don't want more. Enough's yielding to a healthy white, with a tinge

than met the ear. "Now mates," ad- ried?"

dressing the others. "cut for ard and I looked into her face and the ex- | Y. Leayer.

get your breakfast, mylads. It's eight pression of courage I saw there de-bells. Mr. Royle, I'll go below and cided me to tell her the whole truth call the boatswain: and shall him and and acquaint herefully with our peril-

"There is plenty to trouble me," I answered. "You know the men have mutinied, and that my position is a I replied, wishing to have the table to difficult one. I have to be careful how I act, both for my sake and yours."

Down he went and I leaned over the "Yes, I know that," she said, keeppoop rail to watch the men receive ing her clear and thoughtful eyes on their share of the cuddy stores. They me. "But then you said you did not were decent enough in their behavior fear that the men would be violent entering the cuddy one by one to re- again, and that they would leave us on ceive the stores which the steward was board this ship when we were near New Orleans.'

"I will not conceal that I have heard biscuit, a rasher of ham to each man something just now which has affected market. and tea or cocoa; excellent fare to men | me very much," I said to her. "Will who had been starved on rotten pro- you step into my cabin? We can talk visions. I also found that each man there without being seen," I added, had been served with a glass of rum. | having observed Stevens walk along The carpenter was the first to come the main deck, and expecting that he on deck. I had seen him (through the | would return in a few moments to his She followed me in silence, and I

"I will tell you in a few words," I at eastle. He kept his cap on, but the once began, "what I heard just now, could give. He replied that he had As soon as I was alone with the boat- gathered from the carpenter, while at tures .- Detroit Tribune. swain I said to him: "What has breakfast, that the men intended to

"To drown?"

"That is their idea." She pursed up her mouth tightly and pressed her hand to her forehead. "He's a bad un! he's a bad 'un! he's That was all. Whatever emotion my statement inspired was hidden. She good beginning, considering it is only

them so cruel. My poor father!"

"This is what I am told they mean to do; and I know Stevens to be a ruffian, and that he will carry out his project if he can. I have spent some time alone here in trying to think how day, to reach the Gulf of Mexico. I have this time before me, and in that time not only something must, but York and Pennsylvania grow two-thirds something shall, be done.

She did not answer. "I will hazard nothing; I will venture no risks. What I resolve to do must 000,000 bushels, and the average yield be effectual," I went on, "because my per acre is thirteen bushels. life is dearer to me now than it was sake. You must be saved from the ruffians, but no risk must attend your deliverance. This is why I see no escape before us as yet, but it will come vember 3: "The flour output touched Painter, Grainer, Paper Hanger in a hole!"

She looked up at this, and said: "What is to be done?" "I must think."

"I will think, too. We need not tell

are not supposed to question the men's added to the active list next week." honest intentions toward us. We must appear utterly ignorant." "Are they armed?" she inquired.

She cast her eyes round the cabin and said: "Have you no guns?" we had twenty guns, we have no hands \$2.50 or \$3 or \$4 a week has to pay for to use them. So far as I know yet, their scanty food and fuel in wretched there is no man that would stand with me-not even the boatswain-unless he were sure we should conquer the ruf-

remember, you have only one.' cuddy. The cabin door was pushed barely make a living at sewing .- Lucy open roughly, and Stevens walked in. | Stone, in Boston Globe. "Mr. Royle, he don't mean to let you He stared at Miss Robertson, and cried: "Sorry to interrupt. Didn't know you was here, ma'am, I'm sure. I thought," addressing me, "I should a look at that chart o' yours. How

long d'ye make it to New Orleans?" "About three weeks." "Well, there's live-stock enough for three weeks anyways. I've just told the cook to stick one of them porkers. All hands has a fancy for roast pork

the noble fellows in this ship. They penter's voice down, the companion; must be brave and good men to risk their lives to save ours," she answered, with a smile of touching sweetness, looking frankly into the face of the "There must be others in this ship miscreant who stood, cap on head, be-

"there wasn't no risk. I'd ha' swum to break the statute.—Burdette.

She shook her head with another they would be left to sink in a scuttled smile (I judged the effort this piece of pa mystery I'm crazy about is where

"I know that English sailors always | Chicago Journal. undervalue their good deeds. But He shook his head without speaking, happily my father is a rich man, and and left the table, but turned to say: when you land us he will take care that "Don't be in a hurry. I've got two no man on board this ship shall com- an exchange. Our experience has alplain of his gratitude.'

penter, as though struck with a new idea. | Journal. "Very rich. "How rich might he be, ma'am?"

"Well, he owned the ship that you She could not have offered a better to plan the murder of myself and the illustration of her father's wealth to gists' winders, but fly-time's over now."

"Perfectly true," I made haste to

"My father would not certainly offer a shoe. - Chicago Mail. less than one hundred pounds to each

sideways as he put it on his head again,

I opened the door to let Miss Robertson pass out, exchanging one glance

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

-Entirely Appropriate. Young wife

- "I'm always saying something

you," he said, with a face on him and "What is wrong, Mr. Royle? What 'Thank you!' Wasn't it ridiculous?" contrary, it was quite apropos."-N. THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

-It cost \$300,000 to harvest the immense cranberry crop around Cape Cod (Massachusetts) this season.

-The culture of tobacco in Germany is progressing, 1,985,597 acres having been planted this spring.

-According to the report of the New York Bureau of Labor Statistics there were more than 1,500 strikes in that State during 1886, against 300 in 1885. mutton sheep have been driven from Oregon this year to Wyoming and Nebraska to be fattened for the spring

-The census of the Island of Cuba shows "1,200 sugar plantations, 5,000 tobacco plantations, 160 coffee plantations, 25 cocoa plantations, 5,000 grazing farms, 20,600 small farms, 90,000 warehouses, factories, etc."

-Persons who are undertaking to raise carp in artificial ponds must be careful to keep other kinds of fish as ABILERE. well as aquatic animals and turtles out of them. Daring the past summer the roung carp in many places have been destroyed by the above-named crea-

-The Territory of Alberta, in the puted, 76,325 cattle, 10,025 horses and 21,300 sheep. Thus, at \$40 per head, \$3,053,000 is invested in cattle, \$601,500 in horses at \$50 per head, and \$85,200 in sheep at \$4 per head. This is a very three or four years since the first at-"They are fiends! I did not think tempt was made to establish ranches in the territory.

by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, the largest yield per acre of buckwheat during the past season we can save ourselves. As yet I see was in the New England States, where no remedy. But wait," I said: "it will as much as twenty bushels per acre was was in the New England States, where take us three weeks, sailing well every obtained. Maine and Vermout each produce as much as all the rest of the New England States together. New of the product of the United States. The entire crop for the country is 11,-

three days ago, for your and your father's business at Minneapolis, Minn., can be from the Northwestern Miller, of Noit will come! Despair is very fruit- high figures last week, being the largest ful in expedients, and I am not beaten for any single week of the year-157,270 because I find myself flung like a dog barrels, averaging 26,211 barrels daily, number of mills (nineteen) are in operpapa?" she added, toning her voice to ation this week, and the product proma question, with an appealing look in ises to reach as high a point as last week. The daily output is fally 26,000 "No, certainly not. Remember, we barrels. Another 1,500 barrels will be

edge of housework. Very well. Let them work for their board while they learn. They would have plenty of good food and a good home. They would be "Nothing but a pistol. But though better off than they are now when their rooms, and nothing is left. Good housewives would willingly teach one anaccustomed to work if she would re-"Could I not use a pistol? Ah, I main for wages after she could earn them. It seems to me this is the solu-Just then a step sounded along the tion of the question for women who

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

find you turned in. I've come to have bring the Galatea back next year and enter for all the races. -Lowell Courier. -"The scold waves are very trying," said a man to his wife this morning when she raided him for not building We Sell Lands on Long Time and the fire .- Washington Critic.

to-day. Sarvant, miss. You was out half so far behind at any other time as when a man is prowling around in "My father and I owe our lives to the dark barefooted .- Chicago Tribune.

-A happy thought is one that has escaped from a melancholy man and is certain that it will not be obliged to go A large list of improved farms and City back .- Picayune.

fifty dollars for fast driving than be told "Lor' bless yer!" he exclaimed; that his horse couldn't trot fast enough -Daughter - "Mamma, I'm crazy

your father spends his evenings."-

"Oh, he's rich!" exclaimed the car- He thinks he knows it all .- Somerville

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served Jozzins; isn't it horrible?" "I so," rejoined Snooper. "How is that?" "You have been known to consume a -A lady correspondent, who assume to know how boys ought to be trained.

out the soft, tender, genial side of your boy's nature." Mothers often do-with -Country Uncle-"Next summer,

the world I'd think of wearing my —The new teacher at Bitter Creek, a The best in the market and manufactured by us. Do not fall to see it before buying. "Come, master, let's have a look at smart young fellow from Boston, who thought he knew all creation, was downed at the first spelling school in his new district on the first word. Old 'Squire Pollock gave out "pussley" and the new teacher spelled it "purslane." "Set down," said the 'squire, and how

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-A man had much rather be fined

about this palmistry!" Mother-"The

-"You can always tell a man who has once been a clerk in a hotel," says ways been that you can't tell him much.

-"Say, mister, don't you want a

Fannie, you must come out and spend

everybody did yell.-Burdette.

the men to know that we aren't like to foul the Bermudas."

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